

Response

Claims 1 and 5-10 will be pending following entry of the preceding amendments. The Examiner has allowed claim 10 and indicated claims 4-6 and 9 would be allowable if appropriately rewritten. Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's final rejection of claims 1-3 and 5, to expedite issuance of a patent Applicants propose to (1) revise claim 1 to include all features of allowable claim 4, (2) rewrite allowable claim 8 in independent form, (3) cancel claims 2-4 to avoid redundancy, and (4) change the dependency of claim 5. Applicants believe these modifications resolve all concerns of the Examiner and accordingly request that the revisions be entered and all claims be allowed.

Petition for Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition the Commissioner for all extensions of time needed to respond to the Office Action.

Fees

Attached is authorization to charge a credit card for \$450.00 for the petition fee. Applicants believe no other fee presently is due. However, if Applicants' belief is mistaken, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 11-0855 for any additional fee due as a consequence of Applicants' submission of this paper.

Conclusion

Applicants request that the Examiner allow claims 1 and 5-9 and that a patent containing these claims and allowed claim 10 issue in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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